THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Details of Central assistance sanctioned so far for setting up of Model Drivers Training School during X Five year Plan (2002-2007) are as under:-

Name of the Driving Institute	Total Central Assistance sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
Driving Training School, Guwahati, Assam	394
Driving Training School, Hagaribommanahalli, Bellary District, Karnataka	269
Driving Training School, Kolkata, West Bengal	328
Driving Training School, Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh by Krishna District Lorry Owners Association	400
Driving Training School, Jassur, Kangra District Himachal Pradesh	181
Driving Training School at Edappal in Malappuram, Kerala	299
Driving Training School at Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi by Institute of Driving Training & Research, Delhi	325
Driving Training School, Dehradun, Uttaranchal	325

(d) Programmes for training 49850 drivers have been sanctioned under the Scheme of "Refresher Training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in unorganized sector", during the current financial year.

Corruption in DTOs

†3322. SHRI MOTILAL VOHRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that practice of getting driving licences, fake registration certificates etc. through brokers in the District Transport Office (D.T.O.) is rampant throughout the country due to which persons in real need have to face a lot of difficulties;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent this;

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(c) whether such undesired persons have also been nabbed at certain places; and

(d) if so, the details of the persons nabbed during last one year?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the State Governments are empowered to appoint Licencing/Registering Authorities to issue the Driving Licences and Registration Certificates for motor vehicles. The Central Government has no role in this regard as the matter comes totally under the purview of the State Governments. As and when any complaint in the matter is received, the same is sent to the concerned State Government for necessary action.

Universal safety on National Highways

3323. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to adopt a new scheme for providing universal safety on National Highways, to be funded from tolls and cess on petrol and diesel etc.;

(b) if so, what are the safety measures envisaged under the scheme; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. Committee on Infrastructure (COI) has endorsed a proposal of the Ministry for setting up a dedicated Safety Fund into which one per cent of the cess revenues allocated for National Highways would be earmarked.

(b) and (c) Detailed proposals are under consideration and it would be too early to indicate the details of the scheme and its implementation.

Accidents due to overloading of trucks

†3324. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overloading of trucks more than their capacity leads to accidents due to imbalance;

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